

Community & Aquatics Center Update



Community space and program needs for both education and recreation have been changing and current facilities including the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center (ORSCC), Hartman Pool, the Redmond Senior Center, and the Old Fire House Teen Center are all in need of costly repairs and replacement.

- Locations:** Redmond Senior Center, Old Fire House Teen Center, Old Redmond School House Community Center and the Hartman Park Pool
- Project Phase:** Planning & Stakeholder Input
- Estimated Timeline:** 2016 - and beyond
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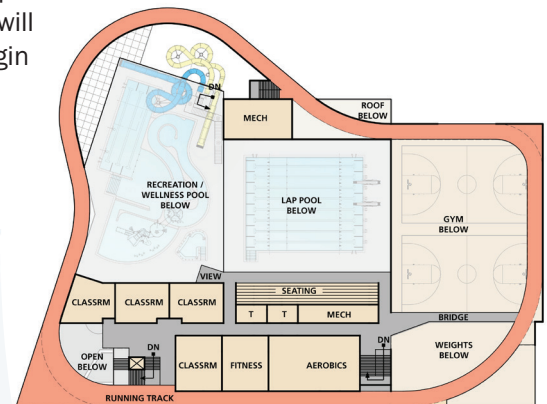
The City has begun planning for the possibility of the lease at the ORSCC to be terminated because of school district space needs. Through a partnership with Lake Washington School District the city has leased the facility that has provided many years of recreation programming for the community. When the increased level of maintenance needed at the 44-year old Hartman Park Pool recently arose, Council approved “life support” funding. These changes have increased the focus on the need and planning for a replacement community and aquatics center, that began in 2009.

Summary:

These multiple facility challenges and emerging recreation needs call for a comprehensive plan to replace these facilities so that highly-valued community programs and services will continue to serve Redmond residents for years to come.

Action Items:

In 2009, the City conducted a study of the recreation facilities to assess the condition of the four buildings. This study included a survey of Redmond households to determine current and future recreational needs. The City developed a master plan to guide future decision-making about the four buildings and the future recreational needs of the community. The Parks and Trails Commission weighed in with recommendations in 2014. The next step is to form a stakeholder group that will support the continuing planning efforts for a future replacement community and aquatics center. The group will be formed and begin its work by the summer of 2016.



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Project Timeline:



Project Costs:

To be determined, based on further study—and review of—financing options, recreation program business and operating plan, and project scope decisions.

- Redmond Senior Center estimated renovation and expansion: range of \$5–\$9 million.
- Community and Aquatics Center estimated range of: \$55–\$70 million (excludes property acquisition cost).

Recent Activities:

- Since the approval of the Lake Washington School District (LWSD) bond on April 26, 2016, the City of Redmond is working collaboratively with LWSD on the proposal to repurpose the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center for district preschool program.
- Council Study Session February 9, 2016 approved up to \$100,000 in funding for limited repairs for the Redmond pool at Hartman Park.
- Limited repairs of pool boiler controls and other equipment in an effort to provide pool “life support” for undetermined timeframe to be completed in March, 2016.
- Parks and Trails Commission recommendation, July 2015, to name project “Redmond Community Center,” reengage stakeholders, and fund further design development.
- Parks and Trails Commission recommendation, June 2014, to replace ORSCC and pool with a new community center (85,600 SF with aquatics, gym and classrooms), renovate and expand Senior Center, replace Teen Center, support continued planning and design, consider site options and partnerships.

What’s Coming Next:

- Stakeholders group of residents, businesses and organizations interested in the project to be formed. Initial meeting schedule to be determined.

Neighborhood Impacts:

- None at this time.



Get Involved:

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